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OTTAWA SPECULATES ON EFFECTS BRITISH ELECTION

CHANGE DOUBTFUL AS SHORTAGE OF DOLLARS PROBLEM

Therefore Unlikely Promise of
"More Liberal Rationing"
Would Have Helped Us

IN OUR EXPORT TRADE

More Imports by Dollar Area
From Sterling Countries
Is Real Need

By M. McDUGALL, Press Gallery.
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)
OTTAWA, March 1st. — The narrow margin of the victory of the Labor Government in Great Britain in the election last week gave rise to considerable speculation, informal and unofficial of course, on what effect if any a change of Government might have had on Canada's trade relations with its traditional market.

It was interesting to note that a good many held the view that there might have been a chance of greater export to Britain of our farm produce. This is of course doubtful, because while it was promised that rationing would be more liberal, the great trade barrier of the dollar shortage in the sterling area will remain acute for some time whatever party is in power in London.

There is of course the possibility of another election pretty soon. If it should happen that the Conservatives gained power, we would have a practical demonstration of its effect on British import trade with Canada, and on the principle of bulk buying.

One of the Contracts — A Question

There is something genuinely baffling to the observer in the attitude of Canadian agriculture to at least one of the contracts with Britain. It is of course greatly reduced in quantity, but it was negotiated from the Canadian viewpoint mainly with an eye to the future, to keep at least a foothold in the British market for our Wiltshire sides. Even the small amount contracted for is apparently not going to be delivered during the first half of the year, during which the Government's price concession applies.

When an agricultural department official is asked what he thinks is the reason for this, his reply is "Apparently the major part or rather practically all the bacon is going into the domestic market". The surplus may find a market in the United States, for a time at least, if export barriers are off, if times are good in the U.S. and if our bacon can slip in quietly and unobtrusively without arousing protests from producers in the United States.

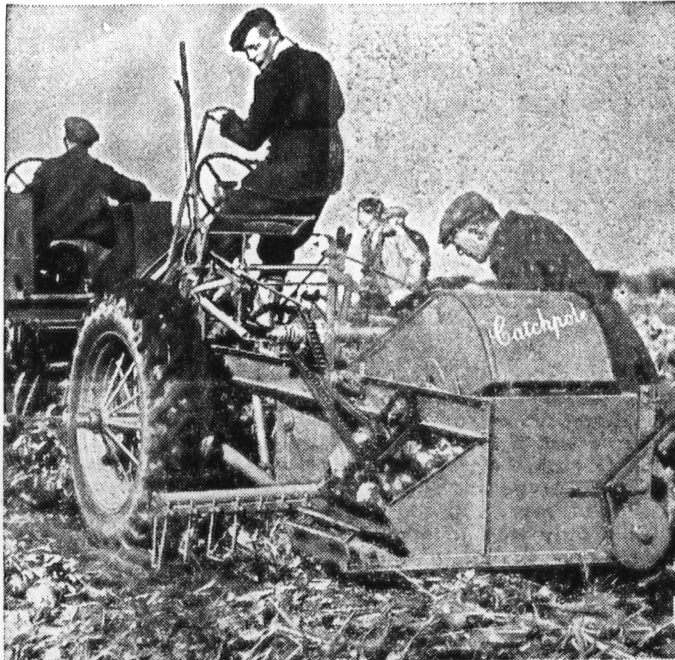
Element of Uncertainty

The mind cannot rid itself of the element of uncertainty about the stability of any market in the United States, where the commodity concerned comes into active competition with home produce, and where a surplus may exist or may appear. If the amount imported represents a very small percentage of the amount of the product consumed by the people, it

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Ask Alberta Action re Marketing Board

Britain Boosts Exports of Farm Machines



During the past three years Great Britain, whose agricultural industry is the most mechanized in the world, has exported more than 340,000 long tons of agricultural equipment, much of it to Europe. Pictured here at a sugar beet root harvesting demonstration in Britain is the Catchpole, a machine weighing about a ton, which, behind a 20-h.p. tractor, digs and tops about 2½ acres of roots a day. Self-help, not leaving it all to Uncle Sam, is the policy which Britain is following. In doing so she gave some of her neighbors in war-shattered Europe—including France, Holland and Denmark—between June, 1948, and June, 1949, the equivalent of \$244,000,000 (but of course not in dollars, which she hasn't got), to help them to buy essential products. This was done under the International European Payments Scheme, which has sometimes been described as "Europe's Little Marshall Plan". Some of the countries helped suffered less war damage from the enemy than Britain did herself.

WOOL CROP FIGURES UP

CANBERRA. — Estimates of Australia's wool production for the current season have been revised upwards to 1,045 million pounds, greasy basis.

World production of citrus fruits last year was down 4 per cent from 1948.

As a result of widespread and severe drought, Argentina is experiencing a serious feed shortage.

WANT TO ORGANIZE FOR MARKETING ON NATION-WIDE PLAN

Alberta Poultry Producers Seek
Enabling Legislation to
Implement Bill 82

STRONG POSITION SHOWN

Co-operative Distributes
\$1,500,000 in Benefits to
Members in Seven Years

Unanimously endorsing the action which has been taken by the Board of Directors of Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., with a view to the solution of the problem created by market surpluses, delegates to the Annual Meeting of the organization, in Calgary last week, asked the Alberta Government for enabling legislation to implement Bill 82 of the Dominion Parliament.

Under this legislation (if implementing action is taken by the Provinces), it will be possible to set up a Provincial Marketing Board with regulating powers in interprovincial and export trade. The object is to obtain boards of this character in all the Provinces, and thus to organize marketing on a national scale through a Dominion-wide organization.

"Alberta in Unfortunate Position"

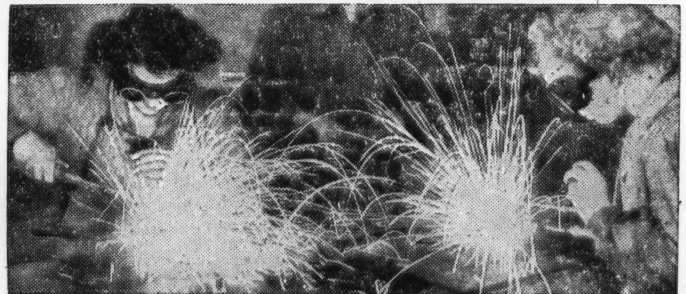
President K. V. Kapler of Strome, in reporting to the meeting, pointed out that Alberta is now "in the unfortunate position of not being equipped with necessary enabling legislation." The reason is that "just prior to the implementation of Bill 82, the Alberta Government, over the protests of your organization, amended the Natural Products Marketing Act of 1939, thereby divesting it of its power to set up such a Board" to function in accordance with the provisions of the Dominion act.

When a committee of all interested groups, through the Alberta Federation, (Continued on Page 9)

Work Overtime Without Pay to Help British Recovery



Sparks are seen flying as Girl Welders Rose Horner (left) and Joan Bennett work overtime voluntarily without pay to aid British recovery. Responsible for this idea of obtaining more production at no more cost was Herbert Rogers, the worker pictured left, explaining a point to Works Accountant W. E. Fisher and Works Manager D.



Trigg (right). Rogers proposed that by coming in earlier and leaving later he and his 49 colleagues (who all agreed) could contribute three free working hours every week. Consequently, the firm's products could be sold at one cent less on the dollar. The management showed their appreciation by reducing selling prices another cent.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

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A Message to Our Egg Producers

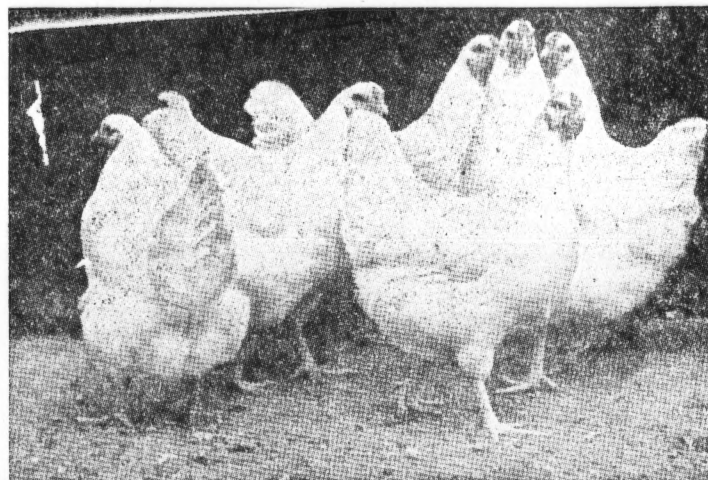
WE know how you feel about egg prices, and we don't feel too good ourselves about them either, but we are doing everything we can to find the best market and the best price — so those of you who market your eggs through your Co-operative can rest easy that you will receive the last cent that can be obtained.

We are responsible for the marketing of your eggs — but you, the producer, are responsible for the quality. If we both do a good job, you will be assured of a fair return for your feed and labor in spite of lower prices. Here's what you can do! —

Culling to Lower the Cost of Eggs

Flocks must give better than sixty per cent production to pay the cost of feed alone at the prevailing prices for eggs at country points, states J. R. Cavers, Professor of Poultry Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, hens average slightly less than 40 per cent production at this time of year. Culling out non-layers and poor layers is about the only way to combat the squeeze in which poultry producers now find themselves.

Figures based on flocks of Barred Rock pullets in December and January show that it took 6½ to 7 pounds of feed to produce a dozen eggs at 50 per cent production, 6 to 6½ pounds at 60 per cent lay, and only 5 to 5½ pounds of feed per dozen



at 70 per cent production. While some strains and breeds will eat more feed per dozen eggs produced, the principle still holds. Only at high rates of production can the feed cost be kept to a minimum, and the loss on the flock reduced, during this difficult period.

Disposing of the Culls

Some difficulty may be experienced in finding someone to buy the culls. If the producer explains that he has done a sensible culling job and is not trying to sell the whole flock, more consideration may be given by the buyers of poultry. An alternative would be to put the culls in a separate pen and maintain them mostly on grain until a market opens for them. It would be foolish to do this with the entire flock, however, since, without laying mash or concentrates, production would soon cease, and the loss on the flock would be still greater. Even though a floor is placed under the egg market, it may be assumed that systematic culling will be needed to keep the flock at a profitable level of production.

Proper Cooling Too Is a Must

In an experiment conducted recently, 23 farmers were asked to handle their eggs in a manner suggested by an experimental farm. Some did and some didn't. For the farmers who carried out the suggestions, the results were as follows: 8 increased their egg grades from 33 per cent to 76 per cent grade A by cooling their eggs immediately after gathering; 7 increased grades from 53 per cent to 92 per cent by cooling immediately after gathering and by confining the birds and feeding a balanced ration; 6 increased grades from 20 per cent to 60 per cent grade A by cooling immediately, but did not confine their birds or feed a special ration; 2 farmers didn't bother and failed to move eggs from the laying house to a cool place and were content with approximately 40 per cent grade A.

If eggs are cooled by placing them in a temperature of 60

degrees Fahrenheit or less, they will bring you more money.

Removing them to the kitchen or living room is not sufficient. So, friends, collect often and cool immediately.

Advice on remodelling the farm home is available from the Home Designing Office of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Economical remodelling requires a complete plan before starting the work, and this plan should include all improvements to be made both now and later.

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Privilege and Duty

It is your privilege and duty to elect a delegate to represent you at the annual meeting to be held in June.

Delegates are elected for a two-year term — Districts No. 1, 3, 5, 7 one year and Districts No. 2, 4, 6 and 8 the next year. This year, members living in the following districts are to elect delegates:

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Ballots are now in the mail. Choose from amongst your neighbors a loyal co-operator who is making a success of his or her own business and nominate him or her and get five of your neighbors to sign the nomination paper.

Your Dairy Pool is growing in size, influence and service through the loyalty of its membership. It is your own business. Take care of it and be represented at the annual meeting. Nominate your delegate now — **TODAY.**

BEFORE ORDERING CHICKS

Before ordering chicks, F. G. Higginson, Acting Poultry Commissioner for Alberta, suggests that you check your equipment, thoroughly clean and disinfect the brooder house, see that the stove is in good working order, and check the thermostat and thermometers. For the first ten days chicks should have about one inch per chick of feeding space, and there should be a two or three gallon capacity waterer for each 100 chicks. After that time these amounts can be doubled. Use warm water while the chicks are young. Operate your brooder stove and check the temperature in the brooder house at least two or three days before the chicks arrive. For the first week, the temperature should be kept at about 95 degrees, two inches from the floor at the edge of the canopy. It should then be reduced about 5 degrees per week until artificial heat is no longer required. Take care to provide adequate ventilation.

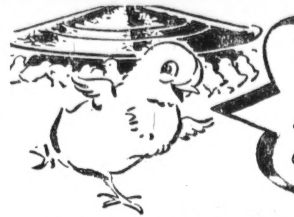
Marketings, Revenue, Down

While 1949 was another big year for the Alberta livestock industry, a report compiled by J. L. Pawley, district supervisor of livestock marketing at Edmonton, shows that total marketings and total revenue were both below those of the banner year of 1948. The grand total of Alberta cattle, calves, sheep and hogs sold in 1949 was 1,750,076 head, at a value of over \$135 millions. This is a decrease of 281,816 head from 1948, and a decrease in value of \$3.7 millions.

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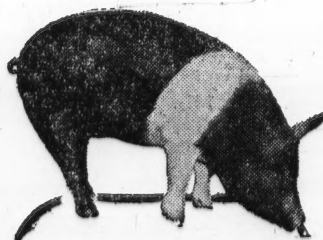
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CROW'S NEST PASS RATES

Because a relatively small group of members of the House of Commons, mainly farmers, held the balance of power between the two major parties when a Canadian Government in 1922 planned to abrogate the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement, the grain growers of the Prairie Provinces continue to enjoy the advantages of these statutory rates on grain shipped to the terminals; for it was the determined fight of this group of members that forced the Government of that day, as the price of its own survival, to change its mind.

Every year since that historic episode in the dying hours of a parliamentary session 27 years ago, farmers of the Prairie Provinces have saved in freight rates on their grain many millions of dollars.

Today a determined effort is being made once more to bring to an end the statutory Crow's Nest Pass rates. We do not doubt that the farmers throughout the West, who understand the situation, appreciate the very great services rendered by their own organizations and by all other bodies — Governments and business organizations — which have made it their business, in carefully and thoroughly prepared and we believe convincing briefs to the Royal Commission on Transportation, to present the case of the growers (and therefore of the whole prairie community) for the retention of the prevailing rates.

These maximum rates were bought and paid for in 1898, when according to the terms of the agreement they were determined in perpetuity.

PARTIES AND MAJORITIES

For reasons which have been presented in some detail since the results of the general election began to come in, parliamentary stability in the United Kingdom is dependent upon the possession by the Government in office of a substantial majority in the House of Commons. In other parts of the Commonwealth Governments have been able to carry on and live out their terms with very narrow margins in divisions.

In Australia, if our recollection is correct, a majority of one or two has proved adequate to give stability over a period of years. Before the recent election in New Zealand, the Government which recently met defeat at the polls had been in effective control of Parliament for several years with a majority not much larger. A small group of Maori representatives held the balance. South Africa has had somewhat similar experiences. Fairly recent Canadian parliamentary history has provided examples of Governments that have survived more or less comfortably with only slight dependable majorities — and, of course, during part of the period when the Progressive party and the United Farmers of Alberta sent representatives to Ottawa, without a majority of seats. The British Liberal party early in the century did that too when the Irish Nationalist party for its own reasons gave it support.

It is not an uncommon thing for a Govern-

WANDERERS

*I wonder, if this tortured world could pause
Until its flaming passions all had cooled,
Would threat and counter-threat still mould the laws*

*By which our fleeting lives are harshly ruled?
Or would the monstrous nightmare that has grown
From happy dreams of yesterday depart,
And new approach be builded, stone by stone,
Toward the fastness of the human heart?*

*Confusion now confounds us, and we move
From fear to fear, and cannot find a path
To one sure sanctuary that would prove
A stronghold in the promised days of wrath.
And far beyond all count shall be the cost,
If faith is overwhelmed and vision lost.*

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

ment which has received a minority of the popular vote to be elected with a workable majority in Parliament. Mr. King controlled Parliament successfully following elections in which he received fewer than half the votes cast by the electors, though he also has won with an over-all popular vote.

The British Labor Party in 1945 received in all 11,985,733 votes out of a total of 25,064,072, but it won 393 of the 640 seats in the House of Commons. The Conservatives and their allies the National Liberals polled 9,693,858 votes and elected 202 members. Last week Labor increased its vote to 13,248,957 and won 315 seats in a House of 625; Conservatives and their allies increased theirs to 12,450,403 and elected 296 members. The election in one constituency is deferred.

THE ONLY WAY

"If you want to retain your markets here, the only way it can be accomplished is to increase your present volume of purchases in Britain or in some other non-dollar country. Whether you buy from us or other non-dollar countries does not much matter, since the wide multilateral area of sterling will tend to even out all accounts." — Sir Stafford Cripps on Anglo-Canadian trade.

HOW TO INCREASE U.K. IMPORTS

"Canada's importations from the U.S. are so preponderant that a scaling down of a mere 15 per cent of them, based on 1948 figures, would enable us to increase our imports from the U.K. by over 95 per cent. This would go a long way towards bringing both our trading accounts into a reasonable balance." — James S. Duncan, Chairman of the Canadian Dollar-Sterling Trading Board.

We are indebted to the above quotations from two eminent authorities to P. M. Richards, financial editor of *Saturday Night*, who concludes an article entitled "The Remedy Is in Our Own Hands" by declaring that the objective set forth by Mr. Duncan "is surely not beyond our powers — its attainment would mean the disappearance of our present grievous trade troubles."

THE POSITION IN 1949

Canada bought from the United Kingdom in 1949 goods worth \$310 millions, and \$192 millions' worth from the rest of the sterling area. During the same period, Canada's exports to the sterling area totalled more than \$950 millions. The deficit balance was thus \$450 millions. Canadian imports from the United States totalled \$1,960 millions, while her exports to that country were \$1,520 millions in 1949.

All Records Broken by Alberta Co-op Wholesale

BREAKING all previous records of expansion by a large margin, the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale, Ltd., whose member units throughout the Province now number 160, made total sales during 1949 of \$1,508,041.30, of which \$140,186.88 was represented by sales of flour from the new co-operative flour mill at Saskatoon. Even apart from flour, sales exceeded those of 1948 (\$912,058) by approximately 50 per cent. Net savings to members, after providing for income taxes, were \$29,046 as compared with \$10,749 in 1948.

Keen Interest Shown

These gratifying results were reported to the Annual Meeting of the Wholesale held in Edmonton on February 22nd and 23rd. President J. R. Love and Vice-President George E. Church were chairmen, and 145 delegates and visitors attended, taking a keen interest in the review of operations and in planning for the coming year.

Organized in 1938 with 9 local member units, the membership had increased by December, 1949, to 160 units, of which one was new during the year; four were in the organizational stage. Five were producer co-operatives and the remainder consumer co-operatives. In the total were included the 20 unit stores of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Association, Ltd., the chief of which is the big Calgary store.

Savings Allocated on Patronage Basis

Owned and controlled by its member units, the A.C.W.A. has allocated nearly all of the savings of past years to these units, on a patronage basis in the form of common shares. Redemption of shares will be in rotation when in the judgment of the Board of Directors the capital of the Association is sufficient to provide for such redemption.

Members' and shareholders' equities stood at \$887,150.40 at the end of 1949, an increase of \$250,330.25 over the figure for the previous year. Common shares total \$421,930.74, preferred shares \$456,850.00, membership subscriptions \$54.00, and deferred patronage refunds \$8,315.66. Working capital is \$648,686.57, fixed assets (less depreciation and mortgages and agreements for sale) total \$134,210.29; and investments \$104,253.54. Current assets are more than double current liabilities.

Take Over Feed Plant

Announcement was made of the taking over of the plant of Commercial Feeders Co-operative, Ltd., by the A.C.W.A. This action was taken in December, because rapid expansion of the business done by this new modern plant in North Edmonton reached a point during the year when it could not continue extending its volume of business and take care of the needs of the A.C.W.A. units in Northern Alberta without considerable capital

being supplied by the A.C.W.A.

Another major expansion development was in the Management Service Department first set up in October, 1948, and serving at the end of that year 19 member units. Pressure for this service was so great that, by the end of 1949, 52 member units had been brought under the plan. A supervisors' report plan will provide for a complete analysis of each of the 52 stores every three months, and as a result the type of merchandise carried will be better balanced throughout.

Co-op Flour Plant

The report dealt with the introduction of Co-op Flour in Alberta in the late spring of 1949, through the A.C.W.A.'s association with Interprovincial Co-operatives, Ltd., which assumed the responsibility of distributing the entire output of the mill in Saskatoon. The Directors pointed out that this mill (owned by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool) is without doubt "the most up-to-date flour mill in Canada, if not on the North American continent," and added, "It is very gratifying to feel that we are associated co-operatively with the men who produce the grain in helping them to distribute the high quality product which comes from this mill in the form of Co-op Red Label Flour. The quality of this product has assured its success from the start."

Reviewing the merchandising operations of the A.C.W.A. in various fields, the Board pointed out that warehouses had been opened in Calgary and Grande Prairie, and discussed the progress made in paint and building supplies, in the electrical department and the feed division.

Use U.F.A. Co-op Fuel Oil

The entire field of petroleum fuels is being developed and expanded through the facilities of United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Association, Ltd.

In brief surveys of the progress of other co-operatives, the Board indicated that sales in Alberta by Canadian Co-operative Implements, Ltd., showed a large increase in 1949. Warehouses are being operated in Edmonton and Calgary. The Co-operative Life Insurance Company, which, in addition to the regular types of individual insurance policies, features employees' group and Co-op members' group insurance, increased its total insurance in force in 1949 by about \$8,000,000, standing at \$24,419,974 at December 31st last, the Alberta total being \$7,571,915. Alberta also had the highest gain (\$3,361,600) of any Province in Canada during the year. A very successful year by Co-op Press, Ltd., was reported.

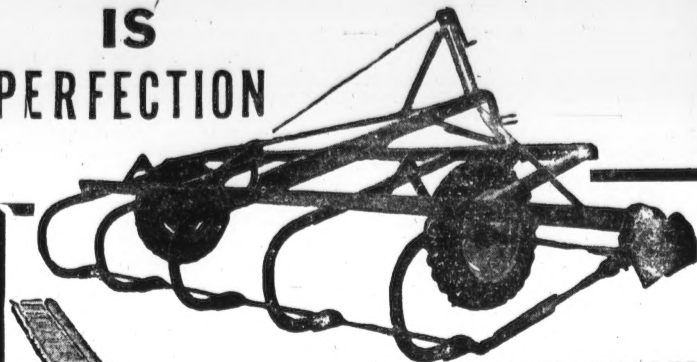
See Cash Basis Vital

The Board strongly recommended the adoption of a strictly cash basis in co-operative business, particularly in the period of readjustment which has been entered upon. "The main cause of nearly every co-operative failure," it was stated, "has been credit trading. Any co-operative that conducts a credit business is headed down the road that eventually leads to bankruptcy."

Valuable Convention features were addresses, in addition to those by A.C.W.A. officers and staff (including Alfred Peart of the Co-operative Activities Branch), given by B. J. Bowlen, Secretary of the Alberta Co-operative Union; Curtis C. Gant, Alberta Manager, Co-operative Life Insurance Com-

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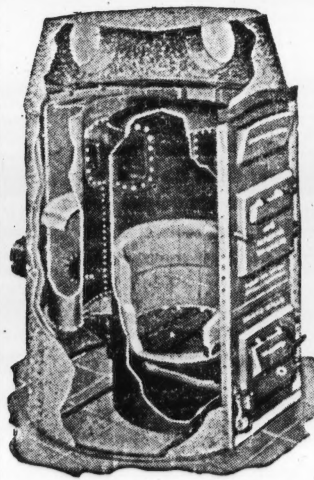
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Tribute was paid by the Board to the General Manager, Richard V. Davies, and the Treasurer, Murray Demings, for their diligent and capable services; to Elmer Loehr, head of the Audit Department, and those in charge of the various merchandising departments; to the branch managers, Jack Geddes and Eric Shore; to hard-working supervisors and all the co-op's faithful employees; and appreciation and thanks were extended to all local managers and local boards of directors.

Thanks were also expressed to Donald Cameron, Director of Extension of the University of Alberta, and to F. J. Fitzpatrick, head of the Co-operative Activities Branch of the Department of Trade and Industry, for all their help. (Directors for 1950 on Page 12.)

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Plowing under crowns and tops of sugar beets does not make the best use of this valuable material, says J. C. Steckley, of Western Ontario Experimental Farm. They should be used to feed livestock, Mr. Steckley maintains.

Wool prices in principal world markets are at an all-time high in sterling currency. Prices in U.S. currency have not reached the peak of February, 1949, but have approached it closely.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

For our A.F.A. notes this week I am going to take the privilege of reporting sections of Mr. H. H. Hannam's Presidential Address. This address, as featured in *The Western Farm Leader* of February 3rd as a front page article, was presented to the Directors and visitors at the C.F.A. annual meeting held in Niagara Falls, January 30th to February 3rd, inclusive. A pretty extensive report was given of the address, but it cannot be given too much publicity and the additional notations given below will be of great interest to all the readers of this paper.

Challenging all other groups in the Canadian economy to join with agriculture in endeavoring to effect a proper adjustment and balance in economic relations, Mr. Hannam strongly underscored the need for a price support program for farm prices which would meet the present emergency until a proper balance was attained in the national economy.

Unfair and Unjust

He declared it to be unfair and unjust that agriculture should be expected to accept decreases in farm prices and farm revenue while the economic position of other groups remained at a high peak of prosperity.

Mr. Hannam said he believed it possible to effect a balanced economy on a lower price basis, but that such could not be effected if farmers were taking losses while others continued, through a high level of rates, fees, wages, etc., to enjoy profitable times.

Said Mr. Hannam: "In periods of prosperity in the past, there has always been a balanced buying power between major groups in the nation. In the world market, the same has applied for trading nations. Incidentally, the program being promoted today by the Dollar-Sterling Trade Board is an attempt to bring into better balance the buying power between our two countries."

"During the years 1948 and 1949, everybody will agree there has been a fairly good balance between the three major groups in Canada — industry, and business, labor and agriculture."

Some Questions for All Canadians
"What the farmers of Canada are asking today is: do the people of Canada want to hold that balance, which is the secret of prosperity? Certainly they do, if you ask them. But the question is, are they willing and prepared to share the responsibility of holding the balance? If they are —
"(a) we would not hear such frequent criticism about food prices being too high. Figures already presented indicate that general purchasing power was equally as high as, or higher than, price levels for farm food products in 1949;
"(b) we would not hear such frequent criticism of paying taxes for funds to maintain price supports;
"(c) we would not have Government members thinking or saying 'the Government must get away from subsidies and price support';
"(d) we would not have press reports such as this one which appeared on January 5th in a Toronto paper — 'The best New Year's news for housewives is the big drop in the pork and bacon prices. Prices came tumbling down yesterday and the day before'. Another way to say the same thing would be, 'The best New Year's news for housewives is that tumbling prices are bringing adversity and discouragement to farm homes, farm housewives, and farm children'."

Rejoicing May Be Short-lived
"City housewives, if any, who regarded as the best New Year's news tumbling prices in farm products, may shortly find themselves unable to rejoice because their husbands are unemployed. It can happen — in fact is happening; and there very probably is a direct connection between tum-

bling farm prices and increasing ranks of the unemployed.

"We believe that the Canadian economy can be maintained on a lower price basis, but we must protest the forcing down of farm prices from 1949 levels unless and until there is adequate evidence that the prices of those goods and services which farmers must buy show a corresponding decline."

Unemployment Already Serious
"Unemployment is already becoming a matter of much concern in Canada, yet it will rapidly become much more serious if farm purchasing power is permitted to continue to decline."

"Between 1929 and 1933, we estimate that the total wages and salaries of employees in all industries, other than agriculture, declined by fifty per cent, or more than one and a half billion dollars. During the same period the number of employees declined by 42 per cent, or more than one million."

"If a similar situation should develop from 1949 to 1953 as happened from 1929 to 1933, the total decline in employment would be at least one and a half million. The decline in wages and salaries for occupations other than agriculture would amount to around four billion dollars."

"The story of farm income would present a similar picture. A decline of the same magnitude as the loss suffered by agriculture in that period would mean a decrease in net farm income of at least one billion dollars from last year's level."

Believe in Self-Help

"Organized farmers in Canada believe in self-help, in co-operative action, in producer marketing boards for many commodities. They will continue to press ahead vigorously on this program. But they are inclined to think that even if they do, price supports will need to become a permanent feature of our agricultural program and one of the necessary courses of action for Canada to take in the interests of a balanced economy and

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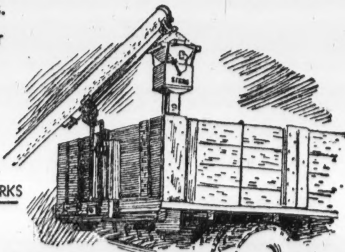


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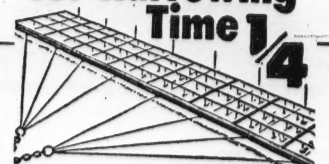
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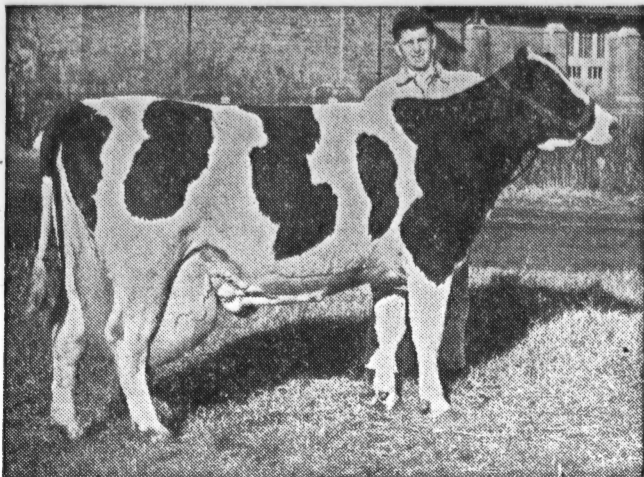


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national prosperity with any permanence to it.

"We talk about parity with other groups. At the same time we hear often that agriculture is our basic primary industry; that when farmers have money to buy, everybody is prosperous; and that agriculture is the backbone of this Dominion.

Why Not Put Them First?

"If food and soil and folks who till the soil are basic in Canada, why don't we put them first. Why not treat them as first citizens — not place them in the social register nor suggest that citizens should raise their hats to them as they pass by the fields where farm people are at work. But why don't we start our economic system with them and then try to figure out parity for secondary industries which are admittedly not as basic as agriculture. At any rate, why must farmers fight ceaselessly to get Canada to place them on a par with other citizens whose effort and skill in usefulness to the general welfare compares with that of farmers.

"With deep earnestness, I say that something is radically wrong in Canada's farm program at the present time when thousands of ordinarily undemonstrative harmony-loving citizens storm public opinion in large meetings of heated protest. Those in positions of leadership in Government, in labor and industry will do well, I respectfully submit, to give the situation sympathetic and fairminded consideration, and take or support whatever emergency action is necessary to prevent the fastening of an injustice upon large sections of our farming industry. "I use the term 'fastening of an injustice' advisedly, because the non-farm sectors of our Canadian economy are enjoying peak prosperity.

"Under some circumstances, declining prices are not serious. If all other prices and services entering into farm cost were declining in unison, the result would, I feel, be better rather than worse. If all sectors of our economy were on a lower and balanced price level, undoubtedly our prosperity would have more permanence to it.

"Moderate Prices With Stability"

"Our producers have never been advocates of high prices. Ever since the Federation of Agriculture was organized fourteen years ago, our goal has been 'moderate prices with long-term stability'.

"The stability provided by the wheat program and the International Wheat Agreement is a good example of the kind of long-term stability that Canadian Agriculture has been striving to establish. That program today gives Canadian wheat producers more security for the year ahead — and perhaps for three more years — than that to which producers of other products can look forward — and this in spite of the fact that under similar conditions wheat farmers have been more vulnerable than others because of the very large proportion of their product which depends on the export market."

Of the over-all world food problems, Mr. Hannam said: "The world's people

Forum Convention in June

National Farm Radio Forum will meet in annual convention in Winnipeg, directly following the annual convention of the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture in June.

Appoint New Secretary

Appointment is announced of Floyd Griesbach (who has a long record in the field of adult education in Eastern Canada) as Secretary of National Farm Radio Forum with headquarters in Toronto. He succeeds Joseph Galway, secretary for three years, who has taken up other work. Mr. Griesbach was for some time secretary of the Quebec Farm Forums with headquarters at Macdonald College.

Farm Broadcast Staff Changes

Widely known in the farm movement in Alberta, where he has done a first-class job as assistant commentator for the Prairie Region for some years, J. W. R. Graham has been appointed farm broadcast commentator at Halifax, N.S., for the Maritimes. Bob Graham grew up on a farm at Coaldale, Alta., and is a graduate of the University of Alberta, where he studied bee-farming. He served as commander of a sub-chaser during the war. He is succeeded by R. G. Knowles, also widely known on the prairies, a native of Rutland, Sask., and Bachelor of the science of Agriculture and M.Sc. of the University of Saskatchewan. He was for two years Dominion Government Research Assistant at Saskatoon.

Gives Best Yield Increase

Farm manure is one of the most valuable materials to use in grey-wooded soil improvement, says A. P. Aitken of the Lacombe Experimental Station. The application of fifteen tons of manure per acre every three years has given the best yield increases of grain over all other treatments at the Chedderville and Fallis Illustration Stations; and at the Athabasca grey-wooded substation two years' results show that manure was the only treatment that has consistently increased the yield of grain. Results from experiments conducted at Breton showed good results from application of ammonium phosphate 16-20 in combination with manure.

Alberta Central Credit Union Assets \$156,586

EDMONTON. — Total assets of Alberta Central Credit Union now stand at \$156,586, it was reported at the recent annual meeting in this city. Loans to the value of \$206,925 were made during the year. Incorporated in May, 1947, to provide a pool for surplus funds of credit unions and co-operatives in Alberta, the Central now has as members 121 credit unions and 12 co-operatives. A chequing service has been inaugurated, so that member societies may now receive a full co-operative banking service from the Central.

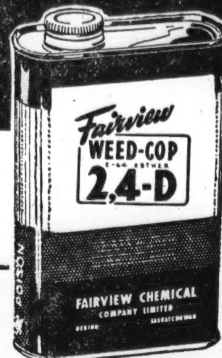
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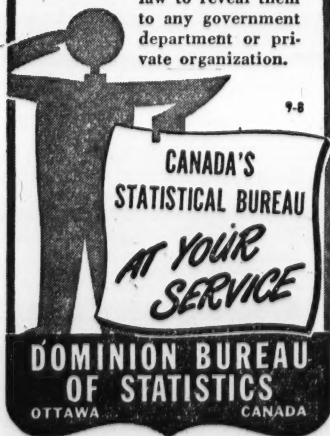


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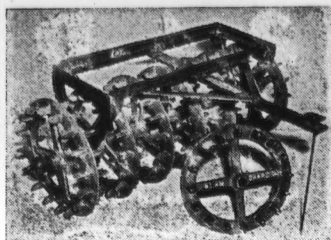
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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Feb. 16th. — Enlarged scope of unemployment benefits is forecast in speech from throne at Ottawa. Poland, Czechoslovakia and Finland reported working for trade treaties with China. World trade worsened in 1949, states report of UN secretariat experts, who urge overhauling of world economic policies. Marshall Plan chief Hoffman suggests as program for peace U.S. continue to strengthen ties with "all free countries", U.S. invest more abroad, import more from abroad; also urges speeding up of unification of European countries.

Feb. 17th. — French government officials say railway and coal strikes, called by Communist union leaders in protest unloading of U.S. arms in French ports, have failed. Trieste reports Tito is allowing political refugees from eastern Europe to cross Yugoslavia. Despatch from London states U.S. has asked explanation of British acceptance of orders of steel rails for China; while Frankfurt reports Western powers are allowing German firms to accept similar contract from Peiping government.

Feb. 18th. — Charges of violation of human rights in Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, pressed by Britain, U.S. and Canada, at Lake Success. "No real progress" in settlement of U.S. coal strike, say Federal mediators; miners say "No contract — no work." Attlee, Churchill give



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final election broadcasts.

Feb. 19th. — Russians seize 22 trucks on Berlin highway; state guarding against smuggling activities. New York's Broadway darkened as coal shortage forces cut in use of electricity.

Feb. 20th. — Canada urges at UN that measures suggested by economists to curb unemployment should be studied by member governments. Striking coal miners in U.S. cited for contempt of court in refusing order to go back to work. Israel agrees part of Jerusalem containing holy places be controlled by UN. Washington reports U.S. is planning atomic-powered submarine.

Feb. 21st. — U.S. breaks off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria. Acheson says "spot aid" will be needed in Europe after Marshall Plan Aid ends in 1952. Hindu-Moslem rioting on Bengal frontier of India and Pakistan.

Feb. 22nd. — External Affairs Minister Pearson says Canada would negotiate peace treaty with Japan with or without Russia. New Australian government announces plans to outlaw Communism. Hope of peace rests more on resistance to Communist aggression and on spread of freedom than on atomic controls, declares Truman.

Feb. 23rd. — In record-breaking numbers, British electors cast ballots; Labor leads as returns from large urban centres come in; Liberals trail far behind, Communists fail to elect single member. Washington despatch says U.S. will shortly make a further loan to Yugoslavia, following \$20 million loan made last fall, for purchase of raw materials. Britain gets authority to spend \$45 millions Marshall Aid for wheat in Canada and U.S. American telephone workers agree to call off strike for sixty days. Exercise Sweetbriar concludes.

Feb. 24th. — Labor has small over-all majority in Britain, with 315 elected to House of 625; Conservatives have 295, Liberals 8, others 3, deferred 1; returns not yet in, 3. Attlee, Bevin, Cripps, Morrison, Bevan are among 23 cabinet ministers re-elected; two defeated. Churchill, Eden, among successful Conservatives. Labor popular vote increased by over million from 1945 to 13,293,000; Conservatives get 12,408,000, over three millions more than in 1945.



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Feb. 25th. — Attlee Government to remain in office, announced following emergency Cabinet meeting. Truman calls for investigating board, thus averting rail strike for sixty days.

Feb. 26th. — Moscow states separate Navy Ministry set up. Former Dutch Army commando, Captain Westerling, arrested in Singapore for illegal entry; Indonesia wants him for leading guerrilla rebellion. Chinese Nationalist planes attack Namoa Islands, held by Communists. West Germany lifts embargo on steel exports to Russian zone. Group of U.S. scientists warn that radioactive dusts released by explosion hydrogen bomb might destroy all life.

Feb. 27th. — Complete election, returns give British Labor over-all majority of seven. U.S. miners plead not guilty to contempt of court charges. Peiping government seeks to buy machinery and raw materials in U.S. American ship in Tsingtao harbor hit by bomb from Nationalist plane.

Feb. 28th. — Russia revalues ruble (now 4 to U.S. dollar instead of 5.3) and reduces prices food, textiles. Chinese Nationalists warn that any ships entering Communist ports will be liable to attack from air. Washington states Brannan will visit Ottawa this week to confer on sale of wheat to Germany and Japan. Attlee revamps Cabinet, retains Bevin, Cripps, Morrison, Bevan in former posts; Dalton

Form Big Corporation to Handle India's Cashews

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A large cashew nut corporation has been organized to handle the marketing of the cashew crop of southern India. Nearly half of the capital of \$4.5 millions is reported to have been put up by an American firm.

Seed Treatment Stressed

Surface-borne grain smuts are still very prevalent in Western Canada, causing heavy losses annually, writes Dr. F. J. Greaney, in a recent bulletin of Line Elevators Farm Service, urging treatment of seed. Another reason why such treatment is strongly indicated this spring is that due to frost and drought and poor harvesting conditions last year, much seed will germinate poorly. Such seed, says Dr. Greaney, needs protection against soil-borne organisms that cause seed decay and seedling blights, and seed treatment will protect as well as disinfect. If information is desired on methods of treatment, etc., Dr. Greaney suggests applying to agricultural representatives, to the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology at Edmonton, or to Line Elevators Farm Service, Winnipeg.

becomes Minister of Town and Country Planning, McNeill Secretary of State for Scotland, Strachey Secretary for War. Chiang Kai-Shek again assumes title of president of Nationalist China.

March 1st. — In London court Fuchs pleads guilty to giving information to foreign spies from 1942 to 1947; is sentenced to 14 years. British Parliament opens. Transport Commissioners, in Ottawa, announce approval 7.4 per cent increase in railway freight rates.

Harbingers — of Spring

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ALBERTA POULTRY PRODUCERS (Continued from Page 1)

tion of Agriculture and the Farmers' Union of Alberta, urged last year the passing of the necessary legislation, "the Government," said Mr. Kapler, "found it impossible at that time to accept the request, and consequently, cessation of the British contracts found the Dominion and the Provinces unprepared for the emergency."

Call for Publicity Campaign

Launching of a publicity campaign to counteract the effect of the campaign which is now being made by powerful interests against floor prices and other measures to stabilize agriculture (and supported by a portion of the press of Canada), was called for by the delegates, also unanimously.

The counter-campaign of the farmers, it was urged, should be financed by the producers' organizations. Action through the Alberta and Canadian Federations of Agriculture was proposed. The campaign should take account of the drive which is now being made for the abrogation of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement rates on grain shipped from prairie points to terminals.

Would Seek Labor's Support

It was urged that the two great labor organizations of Canada be approached, with a view to obtaining their moral support for this program of action.

Dealing in particular with the effort to end the Crow's Nest rates, the meeting went on record in favor of the "bombardment of Ottawa" with protests from the farm people of the West.

May Never Have Seen Cow

VANCOUVER, B.C.—"The next great step in the improvement of dairy cattle may come from some scientist who has never even seen a cow," Dr. Blythe Eagles, Dean of Agriculture of the University of British Columbia, stated in an address to the B.C. Jersey Cattle Breeders' Association here. Mr. Eagles was describing the manner in which "the man behind the test tube" is preparing for the task of feeding the world of tomorrow. Co-operation between this man and the "man behind the plow" he found to be imperative.

Recalls "Nightmare of Thirties"

Jack Sutherland of Hanna, who as chairman of the meeting guided proceedings with urbanity and despatch, stepped down from the chair to move the first of these resolutions. He recalled the "nightmare of the nineteen thirties" when the drastic fall in prices spread ruin and suffering throughout the farming areas and unemployment and bankruptcy in the cities. It had taken the greatest war in history to enable the farmers to pay off the debts contracted in the previous war. If today's drive against measures to stabilize farm prices at a fair level, against the statutory grain rates, and against the Wheat Board succeeded—and the issues might well be hanging in the balance—agriculture and the whole community might be called upon to pay a tremendous price. Mr. Sutherland suggested that in the course of the proposed counter-campaign the attention of the labor people and small business men should be called to the great sacrifices made by the farmers during the war and since in supplying cheap bread to Canadian consumers, and to Britain and her allies. He had found the labor people very willing to listen.

The Alberta Government was asked to provide adequate facilities at the University of Alberta for the analysis of the content of poultry feeds.

Plan Poultry Show

Restoration of the bounty on coyotes was urged, and the delegates approved a suggestion that the organization hold a poultry show in Calgary, with a view to encouraging the public to consume more poultry products.

Support for Radio Show

Observance of a "Good Will Week" during the year as a means of obtaining additional financial support for the Co-operative Radio Show inaugurated by the A.L.C. was agreed upon.

A proposal to raise dues to the Alberta Federation of Agriculture of all member organizations from 20 to 30 cents per individual member was referred to the Board for its consideration.

Soundest Position in History

Reports of the Board and Management and the Auditors revealed the fact that the organization is in a sounder position today than at any previous time in its history.

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Fairview F.W.U.A. have taken the improvement of Waterhole cemetery as their own project, writes the secretary, Mrs. J. Wilson. At a recent meeting members paid their dues and contributed 50 cents each to the "March of Dimes"; the questionnaire "Education for Rural Boys" was answered, and the program for the study of mental hygiene was brought to the members' attention.

FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

Education . . . One Point Where Alberta Lags

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

We have just been hearing about "Education Week"! There are weeks for this, that, and the other thing, some of which may not interest us personally or as farm people to any great extent. Education, however, is of interest to every person, every family, every community, every occupation.

In Our Farm Organizations

In our different farm organizations it will be noted that through the years many resolutions pertaining to some phase of Education have been brought before our conventions and discussed. If the minutes of our various Locals were looked back upon there would also, I am sure, be many references to the subject; someone suggesting, someone thinking that something would be an improvement. And did you notice, by the way, in the folder that was sent out, one comment is made, "Every gain the human race has made was first an idea in someone's mind; every advance was first a purpose". So these little ideas brought in locally sometimes produce very far-reaching results.

Everyone realizes that many factors contribute to the education of the pupil of whatever age, from the very small child in the home (the home is, of course, the outstanding education of that period), to the wider world of the more mature student. But I think we usually associate the word Education with schools and colleges and universities and think of them as some-

thing in which we have little part to play.

It is true that these are under the direct management of the Departments of Education; but we have contribution as citizens to make, and do we play the part to the full? How many of us go to the annual school meetings? We may say that it makes no difference, but if every person in the Province took a keen interest in the conducting of the school business, would there not be differences? For instance, Alberta is one of the richest Provinces of the Dominion and is at last, says the folder, looking into the matter of making grants for the building of schools throughout the country.

Lagging Behind B.C.

You realize that in Alberta, when a new school has to be built, the division needing it has to tax the property therein and raise the money to build it.

Here in B.C. the Government from the general revenue of the Province pays 50 per cent of the cost. Do you suppose the Alberta Government would have lagged so far behind if everyone had been looking after the business-end of education? That, of course, is only one angle but the economic one is always an important and necessary one.

We frequently hear very fervent assertions from some people that they are keenly interested in Education. But, judging from what they do, would it not seem that to some it is purely

Film Board Picture on Co-ops in Running

OTTAWA, Ont. — "The Rising Tide" was one of four films nominated last week by the U.S. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for judging in its documentary short subjects class. The only Canadian entry for awards which will be made March 23rd, it was produced by the National Film Board and tells the story of the co-operative movement in the Maritimes.

a personal interest, an interest that their sons or their daughters get an education? The reason thereof being that they may make economic and social advancement in this world. No doubt very worthy, very natural ambitions, but very unfortunate if that is all that is meant.

We may have different definitions of Education and different ideals, but is it not a developing of the individual so that he or she may get the best out of life and give of his or her best? And here I shall quote again from the pamphlet issued in the interests of Education Week. "No lesson is so important to learn and no habit is so important to acquire as a right judgment and a delight in fine characters and noble action."

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Natural Sunlight: is the best brightener for rooms and often for dispositions too. You can make the most of your natural lighting arrangements by using light-colored wall decorations and by choosing your curtains with care. Country women have an advantage over their city sisters in not having their windows darkened by nearby houses, but even in farm homes the best use is not always made of the abundant supplies of daylight and sunlight that are there for the taking.

Apples: have recently been reported of value in the treatment of simple constipation — probably because of their fibre content; beneficial results have also been secured from the use of apples in the diet in cases of chronic and acute rheumatic infections.

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McCafferty F.W.U.A. hold fortnightly whist drives during the winter, with prizes and aggregate prizes for ladies and gentlemen. Recently they joined with Rosemoyne Local in serving lunch at the Farmers' Bonspiel in Edgerton, and each Local cleared \$92.43.

News of Women's Locals

Ranfurly F.W.U.A. recently arranged to hold a raffle to build up their funds.

The Salvation Army, The Crippled Children's Fund, and the local cemetery fund were all aided recently by Delia F.W.U.A.

Innisfree F.W.U.A. have decided in future to hold meetings jointly with the men, or at the same time as the men's meetings.

Hillock F.W.U.A. (Innisfree) sponsored a dance and bazaar jointly with the F.U.A., writes Mrs. Jennie Gizowski, the secretary.

Ranfurly F.W.U.A. are holding a dance on April 10th. Recently a raffle was arranged, proceeds to cover part of the membership fees.

Namoo F.W.U.A. have sent 19 parcels overseas, with the help of the Sunday School and the Happyette Club, writes Mrs. Viola Samis.

Having lost several members by death or removal from the district, Gwynne F.W.U.A. decided to join forces with the F.U.A. Local, writes Mrs. J. G. Baker, the secretary.

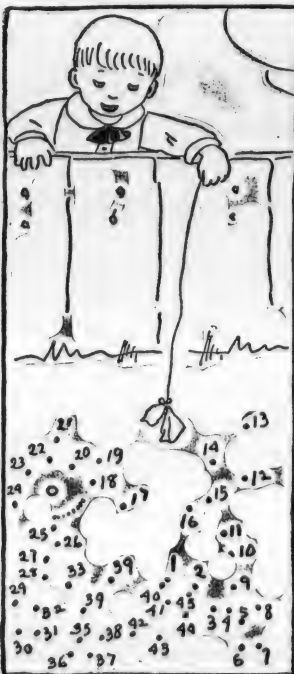
At a recent meeting Barrhead F.W.U.A. made plans to hold a whist drive and box social jointly with the men's Local, proceeds to be divided fifty-fifty.

Rutherglen F.W.U.A. (Viking) arranged a Valentine party for the school children, cold weather having prevented holding the party which had been planned for the holiday season.

"Alberta is lagging," comments Mrs. W. B. Agilvie, secretary of Lochinvar F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) on the bulletin on education, which was read to a recent meeting. These ladies arranged re-

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Little Folks' Puzzle



Would you think a piece of paper tied to a string was any way to fish? Frank says that he likes it better than with hook and line. Join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number forty-four and you will see for what Frank is fishing. Use your crayons on this picture.

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The United States is the key nation in the world of wheat. This has been mentioned by Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, and George McIvor, Chief Commissioner of the Wheat Board. United States government wheat policies affect all

wheat exporting and importing nations.

The United States department of agriculture anticipates another huge wheat crop this year, probably around 1,135 million bushels. The carry-over is anticipated to be 390 million bushels by the Department of Agriculture of that nation, so the total wheat supplies in the United States will range upwards of 1½ billion bushels.

Exports Behind Last Year

United States wheat exports are running behind last year and will probably total 375 million bushels, com-

The Dairy Market

Production remains low. Roads are in some cases nearly impassable, so that delivery from farm to plant is extremely difficult. Prices are unchanged, at Special butterfat, locally, 62 cents, No. 1 60, No. 2 44, and off grade 39. First grade prints are 61 cents, second grade 58 and third grade 52, in Calgary. Vancouver quotes 59¢ for solids.

pared with 503 million bushels, the all-time record established in the crop year 1948-49. Total wheat disappearance in the United States for 1949-50 is estimated at 1,065 million bushels, the smallest since 1942-43.

The downward trend in international wheat disappearance and in exports and continuing high production indicate a tendency towards the accumulation of surpluses in the United States. The estimated 390 million bushel carry-over is the highest since July 1st, 1943. The carry-over will be mostly government property, through the loan policy which guarantees the farmers around \$2.00 a bushel.

Expect World Trade Decline

The significant increases in wheat stocks are not anticipated in other wheat exporting nations, but world trade in wheat is expected to decline around 10 per cent from the 970 million bushel total of 1948-49. Europe has had two fairly good crops, and the world wheat situation is much easier. There is a decided tendency in Europe to increase domestic wheat production in order to save dollars.

Australia had a 1949 wheat crop of around 207 million bushels and Argentina 191 millions. Both of these nations expect to get rid of their surpluses without much trouble. The same situation applies to Canada which had a wheat crop of 367 million bushels in 1949.

The Canadian crop prospects are not any too good. Moisture reserves on the Prairie Provinces up to freeze-up were, in percentage of normal: Saskatchewan 73 per cent, Alberta 61 per cent and Manitoba 96 per cent.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 1st.—The cattle market is active this week, butcher cattle strong and steady on lenient grading and sorting. Stocker cattle fully steady. Good to choice butcher steers \$23 to \$24.25, down to \$19 for common; good to choice heifers \$21.50 to \$23, down to \$17 for common; good cows \$16.50 to \$17, down to \$14.50 for common, canners and cutters \$11 to \$14. Hogs \$26.25 for Grade A, sows \$15.25 alive. Good lambs \$24 to \$24.25, good ewes \$9.50 to \$11.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Feb. 27.—Bulk of offerings continue to be of medium and lower grades. Choice steers at the end of the week brought \$23 to \$23.50, down to \$16 for common. Choice heifers sold at \$20.50 to \$21.50, down to \$14.50 for common; cows were \$16 to \$17 for good quality, bulls \$15 to \$18. Grade A hogs were \$27.50 for coast shipment, lambs steady at \$21.50 to \$22.50 for good handyweights, off trucks.

ALBERTA POULTRY PRODUCERS

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Throughout the two days' sessions, very thorough discussion of the Co-operative's operations and prospects took place; and the delegates had good reason to be gratified by the manner in which President Kapler and the Board and Management and staff have carried on their business.

Much of the responsibility rested with General Manager J. I. Wright, who was called to his feet frequently to deal with many matters that came before the meeting; and it was a matter of general comment among delegates that he showed not only an exceptional capacity to describe concisely all details of business, but also a wide understanding of the general market situation and its complexities.

A most enjoyable feature of the Convention was the dinner to delegates presided over by Mr. Kapler, at

Directors of Alberta

Wholesale for 1950

Directors of Alberta Co-op. Wholesale for 1950 are as given below, the number of each district being shown in parentheses. Elections took place in Districts 3, 6 and 9. In other districts Directors' terms of office have either one or two years still to run.

(1) Otto E. Wobick, Barons; (2) George E. Church, Balzac; (3) Ike Kaila, Eckville; (4) Edward Peterson, Wetaskiwin; (5) J. Russell Love, Edmonton; (6) Wm. A. Romaniuk, Andrew (re-elected); (7) Dan Gamache, St. Paul; (8) Bruce E. Peacock, Pibroch; (9) Andrew Davie, Dawson Creek, B.C. (re-elected).

which President Hugh Marler of the A.F.A. made a broad survey of the problems of the primary farm industry in national and international fields, and described the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture; while President Hugh Allen of the A.L.C., who recently visited Britain as a representative of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, stressed the necessity of Canadians buying British goods as a means of enabling Britain to acquire dollars for the purchase of Canada's farm products.

Congratulations on the achievement of the organization were expressed by President J. A. Wood of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool; by Ben S. Plumer, President of the Alberta Wheat Pool; Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., President of United Grain Growers; J. E. Oberholtzer, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry; and Carl J. Stimpfle, President of the F.U.A.

D. L. Davis, President of the Saskatchewan Poultry Producers, spoke at the business meeting in strong support of the plan to organize marketing on a national basis under the provisions of Bill 82. Vice-President J. H. Rhodes reported on the work of the National Poultry Committee set up by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Retiring Directors for Districts A, C and E, respectively, were re-elected as follows: Louis Normandeau, Winterburn; A. J. Rix, Wetaskiwin; J. H. Rhodes, Brant. Continuing Directors are Mr. Kapler for District B, and S. Roppel, District D.

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OTTAWA LETTER

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may cause nothing more than a frown and a grumble here and there, but let it increase materially and times get a little tight, and the welkin will very likely ring with the protests of outraged U.S. producers. Those things have to be kept in mind, although of course we are more than willing to sell wherever we can.

It is, of course, the official impression here that the American approach to freedom of international trade is becoming a little more sympathetic. Everyone will hope that this works out to be the case. Certainly Canada, with its dollar troubles, eased but still not entirely removed by any means, would very much like to see a better balance in its trade with the United States, which now shows a deficit of about one half billion dollars (1949). It would like to see our exports, including farm products, to the United States increased.

Like To See Early Evidence

We need markets for farm products, and certainly we would be glad to sell more to the U.S. but we would like to see an early evidence of a genuine desire of the U.S. to break away to a more marked degree at least from its established philosophy of trade—selling to the limit and holding a tight rein on all imports, except those that they simply can't produce at home and must have.

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Farmers Did \$2,400,000,000 Business in 1949

OTTAWA, Ont.—The 650,000 farmers in Canada, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, did a \$2,400,000,000 business in 1949. This was \$40 millions below the all-time peak of 1948, but was \$500,000,000 more than the 1947 total. Farmers in Alberta and Saskatchewan made more money in 1949 than in 1948, but in the other Provinces there was a decrease. Prairie Farm Assistance payments in 1949 totalled \$17,600,000, which was \$3,000,000 less than in the previous year.

very often, but even if obvious the truth of it is so important that it bears frequent repetition.

The idea that we must buy more if we are to sell more to our traditional markets forms the background of a good deal of the discussion about the agricultural situation that is taking place in the House of Commons on the Speech from the Throne. As one speaker said, "Under present conditions we cannot expect to sell Britain two dollars' worth or more of goods and take in return only one dollar's worth from the U.K." It is being urged that we switch a good deal of our imports to the United Kingdom. It is held that too slow progress is being made in this.

Price Support Policy Still Unclear

In relation to floor prices for farm products, the Speech from the Throne contained the promise that in order to provide continuing price support for the products of the farms there will be amendments to the Agricultural Products Act and the Agricultural Prices Support Act, but no intimation has been given of the nature of the changes, except that they will aim at reducing the impact for the downward reduction in farm prices caused by "circumstances outside Canada". Further, the powers of the Canadian Wheat Board will be renewed. These matters will be fully discussed when the actual measures are before Parliament.

The gross value of Canada's principal field crops in 1949 was \$1,420,000,000, compared with the record figure of \$1,685,000,000 in the previous year. Of the Provinces, the decline was largest in Alberta, where it reached the figure of \$101,000,000. The value of Canada's wheat crop was \$566,000,000 compared with \$612,000,000 in 1948. The harvest of oats was valued at \$205,000,000 (1948, \$255,000,000), barley \$102,000,000 (\$150,000,000), hay and clover \$223,000,000 (\$255,000,000).

New F.U.A. Locals

John Storie recently organized Notre Dame F.U.A. Local, with John Devereux as president and M. C. Speer secretary.

To be known as Prairieville F.U.A., a new joint Local was organized recently in the Claresholm district by Orrin Hart. Mrs. Mary Long was elected president and Allan C. Boatman secretary.

FARM WOMEN'S LOCALS

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cently to hold a shower in aid of a neighbor who was burned out. Donations were sent to the Unitarian Service Committee and to the Cancer control society.

Spring Valley F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) contributed to the Red Cross and the "March of Dimes" during the past year, writes Mrs. Roy I'and, secretary, and held card parties and dances during the winter.

A luncheon meeting and a social evening were planned recently by Edmonton F.W.U.A.. Mrs. Elizabeth Dorland writes that Mrs. R. B. Gunn "gave resume of interview with Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, also much inspiring information and suggestions."

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Succeeding C. McKinnon of Dalemead, E. A. Cartwright of High River was elected President of the Western Stock Growers' Association at the recent annual meeting. Other officers are: Max Bradshaw, Mountain View, and Bert Hargraves, Medicine Hat, Vice-Presidents; and Kenneth R. Coppock, Calgary, Secretary-Treasurer. Delegates asked earmarking proceeds horned cattle purchases act for the promotion of the cattle industry.

Showing of a film on tuberculosis was arranged recently by Heath F.W.U.A. Members are working for a bazaar, and have also made 36 articles for the local hospital. A discussion on the program "In Search of Ourselves" has been planned.

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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Believe it or not, but we have only just discovered that there is a place in Alberta called PROSPERITY. It must have been hiding behind that elusive corner we heard so much about during the hungry thirties.

News item in the *Albertan* says that stage and screen star Henry Fonda will be sued for divorce early in 1950 by Frances Brokaw-Fonda, New York socialite. That seems to be one case where absence doesn't make the heart grow Fonda!

We read that James Kubal, 70-year-old bachelor farmer of Valley Centre, Sask., saved his life with "a few shots of rum during a 10-hour period of wandering through 40 - below - zero weather." That guy, says Mister Stiggins Pecksniff of Edmonton, ought to be jailed for having unsealed liquor in a public place.

"I believe a man should be well-dressed, well-groomed, and have all the things he expects a woman to have." — Mrs. Orson Munn in the *American Weekly*. How about babies, lady?

MY SATURDAY NIGHT

It's Saturday night in the old home town.

And you say it's a downright shame.

That you cannot go; the car's broke down,

And your pony is tired and lame.

Yet I'm content in my little ol' shack

With a volume that rests on my knee,

For between its covers, all tattered and black,

Is the greatest of poetry.

It's been neglected a number of times,

Yet so oft to my heart it returns,

Where embraced are its contents — the immortal rhymes

Of Kipling, Longfellow and Burns.

The work of great men like granite or stone,

'Tis something that time cannot blight:

So a wonderful evening I've spent here alone,

E'en though it's a Saturday night.

—G.R., Castor, Alta.

Thanks, G.R. Keep up the good work. You may make Castor famous yet. And speaking of Castor, old top:

There was a young fellow of Castor,

At making up verse was a master,

But a gal who could sing,

Said, I'll bet you, old thing,

That I can make 'em up faster.

WELL, WHO DOES?

Sunday morning

Dr. Kopf will preach

WHO CARES?

—Sign on the bulletin board of a Boston church.

CONSIDER THE WORMS

From proverbs there are lessons to be learned.

Their wisdom, it is said, should not be spurned.

All is not gold that glitters, we've been told,

But who'd mistake a diamond for gold?

And there's no doubt that every one has heard

The worm is snuffed by the early bird.

So, says the proverb, if you'd win a prize,

Be like the clever birdie — EARLY rise.

But as for me, that bird is just a fake,

So from the WORM my lesson I shall take,

And learn (as I don't wish to lose my head),

To lie and linger longer in my bed.

COON IN IOWA

We see by the papers that down in Iowa an experimenter fed white rats on a "typical co-ed's diet" of steak, mashed potatoes, cereal, bread and butter, navy beans and apple pie; after two months the rats died of malnutrition. That's a death that relief recipients will never experience.

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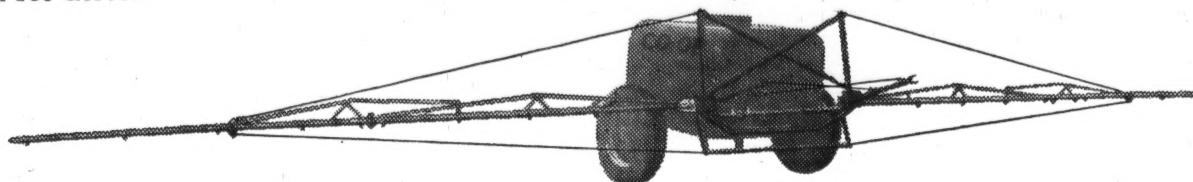
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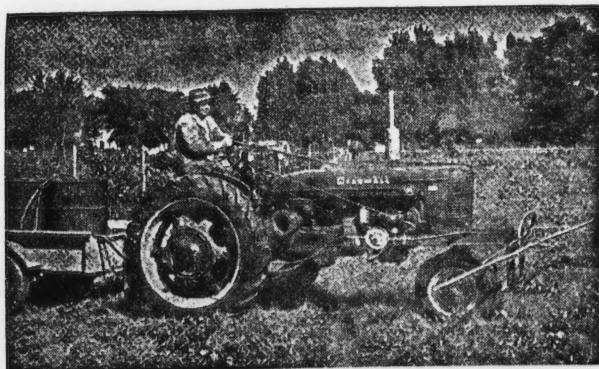
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